

Paxton's top of the slope with volunteer award

Skiing

A NATIONAL sports body has named a Huntly skier and instructor as the recipient of the Snowsport Scotland volunteer of the year award.

James Paxton, 23, who works in his family's business at the Digital Croft, received the award at the Snowsport Scotland summit at Braehead in Glasgow.

Volunteers from across Scotland were nominated by their peers and Paxton's nomination came from representatives of several groups in recognition of his work organising, running and supporting events.

A coach and instructor for Gordon Skiers, Paxton has organised and been Chief of Champs for its open events, and officiates at other club events.

He assists with the running of the Scottish Schools Snowsport Association (SSSA), races throughout the country during the year and will help run two days of school ski races next week.

In February he will lead two days of Alpine School events at the Lecht ski ground in February.

Paxton attends meetings for SSSA, and as a Snowsport Scotland race committee member on behalf of Gordon Skiers.

Paxton said: "I am delighted by this recognition. I plan to continue as a coach for many years to come and pass on race organising knowledge to others in the future, while continuing to support ski racing as a whole through club and school events. I would

encourage anyone to try skiing."

■ Anyone interested in finding out more about ski racing in the North East should contact racing@gordonskiers.com by email.



James Paxton with the SnowSport Scotland volunteer of the year award.

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